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NIC OUTSIDE ACTIVITYNIC Requester: Hai Ford, NIO At LargeDate of Request: 27 April 1984A. Identification of Event or Professional Discussion (including dates)

Luncheon meeting of the Council on Christian Approaches to Defense and Disarmament to be held at the Brookings Institution on Tuesday, 1 May 1984 from noon until 2:00 p.m.

See attachments.

B. Who (generally) will attend?

Dr. Ronald F. Lehman, Special Assistant to the President for National Security.

C. Foreign Attendance?

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D. Any awkward situations anticipated?

No.

APPROVED/DISAPPROVED:

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Charles E. Waterman, Vice Chairman/NIC4-27-84  
DateFORM 879 Required: YES        NO X

## Council on Christian Approaches to Defense and Disarmament

*Co-Chairmen of the American Committee*

*Robert A. Gessert*

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April 14, 1984

Dr. Harold P. Ford

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Dear Hal:

I am writing to you about the Council on Christian Approaches to Defense and Disarmament (CCADD), which is briefly described in the enclosure to this letter.

On behalf of the American Committee of CCADD, I invite you to a luncheon meeting and discussion to be held at the Brookings Institution, 1775 Massachusetts Avenue, N.W., from noon until 2:00 PM on Tuesday, the 1st of May 1984. We have asked Dr. Ronald F. Lehman, Special Assistant to the President for National Security, to be our guest at that luncheon. Dr. Lehman will open our discussion with some prepared remarks on contemporary arms control issues from the perspective of the White House and looks forward to genuine give and take with all participants. We sincerely hope you will be able to join us for an interesting discussion.

As indicated in the enclosure, American participation in CCADD has largely been through the medium of annual, international conferences. Those of us who have participated in those conferences have made invaluable associations and have deepened our understanding of the linkages between our faith and our positions on defense and disarmament through candid and vigorous dialogue with diverse colleagues. Some of us have, for years, felt we needed a similar open forum at the local, national level where we could also critically examine our agreements and our differences. Our meeting with Dr. Lehman is intended to be a step in that direction.

Members of CCADD hold differing views, but are united in believing that Christian comment should have a place in considering problems of defense and disarmament.

Founded and incorporated in England, CCADD co-operates with correspondents in the Federal Republic of Germany, Finland, France, Italy, The Netherlands, Norway, Sweden and the U.S.A.

If you are able to accept this invitation, please let Mr. Edward W. Doherty know at (202)659-6812 as soon as possible and no later than April 26. We will need to provide Brookings with an accurate count by that date. Meals will cost \$12.00 per person payable at the luncheon, or you may wish to send a check in advance. Checks should be made payable to "Edward W. Doherty, CCADD Account."

Hoping to see you on May 1st, I am,

Sincerely,



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### THE COUNCIL ON CHRISTIAN APPROACHES TO DEFENSE AND DISARMAMENT

The Council on Christian Approaches to Defense and Disarmament (CCADD) is an informal, international association of Christians concerned about applying insights of their religious faith to the problems of the role and use of military power in interstate relations.

CCADD began in England as part of the search for a more critical, public examination of issues of defense and disarmament that also led to the creation of the International Institute for Strategic Studies (IISS). With an explicit commitment to seek Christian approaches, CCADD has remained independent of any formal ties to other institutions--political, governmental, or ecclesiastical--but has engaged persons from a variety of such institutions to create a candid Christian dialogue on a continuing basis. Since 1963, annual international conferences of CCADD have been held in England, the Federal Republic of Germany, the Netherlands, France, Norway, Scotland, and the United States. The twenty-second annual, international conference of CCADD will be held at Maryknoll Seminary in Ossining, New York, August 30 - September 3, 1984.

Attended by 40-50 participants from the countries of Western Europe and North America, international conferences provide an opportunity for representatives of these countries to engage in a full and frank exchange of views on the policies and programs of their governments and the Western alliance. Discussions are held on a non-attribution basis to encourage free and open dialogue across national boundaries among government officials, military officers, scholars, and clergy. Diversity in policy viewpoints as well as in vocational roles is encouraged and well represented. Simultaneous interpretation is provided for the discussions, which are based on papers and presentations commissioned and distributed to participants in advance of the meetings. No formal conference conclusions or reports are prepared, but individual authors have published many articles and booklets resulting from these exchanges without committing CCADD or other participants.

National committees of CCADD now exist in the UK, the FRG, the Netherlands, France, and the US. Besides planning the annual conferences, these national committees provide a basis for informal communications among all participants and, in a variety of ways, work within their own countries. In England, for example, the national committee holds monthly meetings and has organized several task forces to prepare papers on specific issues for both the Government and the Churches.

US participants in CCADD conferences have included congressmen, senior executive branch civilian and military officials, ambassadors, and theologians and ethicists. The American Committee of CCADD is co-chaired by Mr. Robert A. Gessert, Research Fellow at the Logistics Management Institute in Washington, D.C. [(301) 229-1000] and Dr. Allan Parrent, Professor of Church and Society and Associate Dean at the Episcopal Theological Seminary in Alexandria, Virginia [(703) 370-6600].